Marketing of combinations of streptomycin and penicillin

798. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fixed dose combination of streptomycin and Penicillin is being marketed in the country;

(b) if so, the names of five leading brands being marketed;

(c) what is the indication for which this combination was allowed for marketing and what are the details for which this combination is being promoted;

(d) whether Governmnet have approved the pack insert; and

(e) if so, the details of indications and contra indications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The popular brands of fixed dose combination of Streptomycin with Penicillin are Penicillin Streptomycin (M/s. Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited), Bistrepen (M/s. Alembic), Procillin-S (M/s. Hindustan Antibiotics), Minomycin (M/s. Glindia) and Dicrysticin-S (M/s. Sarabhai).

(c) The approved indication for the combination is for mixed infections caused by gram positive and gram negative organisms.

The combination of Streptomycin and Penicillin is generally promoted for mixed infections such as peritonitis, brain abscess, contaiminated wounds, respiratory and genitourinary mixed infections.

(d) and (e) The combination of Penicillin and Streptomycin is in the market for the last 3 decades and the combination was approved for the indication for which the drug is marketed. Although pack inserts is not a statutory requirement, most leading manufacturers have been giving such inserts in the packages. The contra-indication for this combination is any history of hypersensitivity to either Streptomycin or Penicillin, certain diseases of the ear such as suppurative otitis media, labyrinthine disturbances of the ear. The drug is to be administered with special care in patients having a history of impaired liver and/or kidney function under the supervision of a doctor.

Import of finished medicines

799. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:
SHRI M. KADHARSHA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain finished medicines are allowed for import into the country;

(b) if so, the names of finished medicines imported during the period from 1st September to 31st December, 1988;

(c) the names of importers, quantity imported of each, source of import and CIF price of per unit;

(d) what is the indication for which each medicine is used;

(e) whether any of these medicines are produced in the country; and

(f) if so, the names of these medicines, along with the names of its manufacturer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) List of finished drugs preparations, life saving and anti-cancer, allowed for import under Open General Licence is given in list 3 of Appendix 6 of Import and Export Policy 1988—91. To the extent information is available, the import of finished formulation during 1987-88 is Rs. 21, 43, 97, 179 as the information is compiled financial year-wise. The names of leading importers of finished formulations and the countries from where such formulation are normally imported are given in statement. (*See* below).